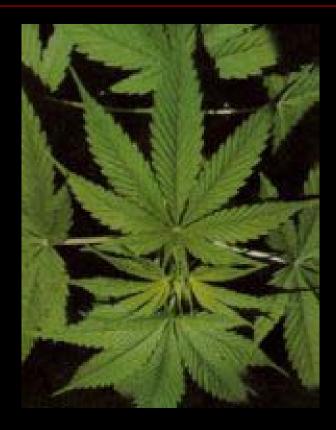
Drugs in Schools, What Parents Need to be Aware of!

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Marijuana

How much do you know.....
really?



What is it?

The most common illicit drug used today

 A plant that produces a chemical known as (Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol) THC for short

Slang terms

 Old School- Pot, Herb, Grass, Weed, Mary Jane and The Reefer

 New School- Aunt Mary, Skunk, Boom, Gangster, KIF, Ace, Funk, Charge, Dew, Torch and over a hundred others......

So how is it used?

- Most Commonly smoked (effects begin almost immediately lasting from 1 to 3 hours) Significantly higher THC intake
- Eat (effects appearing 30 minutes after use and can last up to 4 hours)
- Drink (effects similar to eating)

Short term effects

- Impaired Short term memory- making it hard to learn and retain information
- Slow Reaction time and impaired driving skills
- Altered Judgment and decision makingpossibly leading to high risk sexual behavior

Short term effect cont.

Increased heart rate increasing the risk of heart attack

Altered mental state- Euphoria, Disoriented perception

Do I need to worry?

- Average Age of first time marijuana user -14
- 10.9% of 8th graders, 23.9% of 10th graders and 32.4% of 12th graders had abused Marijuana within the past year
- Almost 50% of teens try Marijuana before graduation.
- (statistics from 2008)

So What Should I look for?

- Behavior/Mood changes
- Change in friends
- Attendance issues
- Paraphernalia (rolling papers, eye drops, empty baggies etc)
- Seeds, stems, trace marijuana

What does it look like?

- This is a marijuana bud
- Typically found in 1 to 3 inch lengths but can grow much larger
- Very unique odor



Is it hard to get?

- Many teens advise it is more easily acquired than alcohol or cigarettes.
- Most teens can tell you on any given day who has marijuana and who sells

What can I do?

Get Educated!

Talk to your kids

Understand that its not like when we grew up anymore.

Consequences

- Paraphernalia- Class C misdemeanor up to \$500 fine and or community service
- Possession Class B misdemeanor 2oz or less
- Possession on school grounds- Enhanced to Class A misdemeanor 2oz or less

Available resources

Campus Officers/ Administrators/ Counselors

<u>www.drugabuse.gov</u> (National Institute on Drug Abuse)

Support Groups

Questions?

- Additional key points provided during the presentation:
 - Control prescription drugs in your home
 - New Texas laws about "Bath Salts" and "Synthetic Marijuana" start September 1, 2011
 - Additional Resource: www.streetdrugs.org

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